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LIONEL HAMPTON MITCHELL, rear apartment, Second floor, 1321 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that he is a member of the New Orleans Council for Peaceful Alternatives, and that he last attended a meeting of this organization in May, 1963, at Tulane University in New Orleans. He knew everyone at the meeting and also at previous meetings and could not recall seeing LEE HARVEY OSWALD at any of these meetings, or meeting him personally. He has had no association with OSWALD or JACK RUBY and knows nothing concerning their personal conduct or activities other than what he has read in the newspapers and heard through other news media. He further advised that the photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was unfamiliar to him as well as that of JACK RUBY.

He had no personal knowledge concerning the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and said he had read of it either in the "Nation" or the "Progressive" and he knew of no organization as the Fair Play for Cuba Committee being active in New Orleans. He said he had read after the assassination of the President that OSWALD had been handing out leaflets in New Orleans for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

He stated that a few nights ago he had been talking with a friend, BRIAN AMPOLSK, about 20 years of age, a senior at LSU, New Orleans, majoring in philosophy and AMPOLSK said he had met OSWALD at a lecture where OSWALD had been the speaker. MITCHELL thought this would have been in April, May or June of 1963. AMPOLSK described OSWALD to MITCHELL as a "crackpot" rather than as a Marxist.

MITCHELL voluntarily furnished the following information concerning himself and stated that he "might as well tell you as you would find out about it anyway":

He said his personal philosophy is that he is opposed to an invasion of Cuba and is for disarmament.

He said at one time he almost duplicated OSWALD's actions, not in the assassination of the President, but rather he had been arrested in about November, 1962, by the New Orleans police for contributing to the delinquency of a

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by SA RONALD A. HOVERSON /jm Date dictated 11/30/63

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minor and he had become very disenchanted with America and himself, and as a result had written a letter to the Russian Embassy in either Washington, D.C., or New York City, making vague allusions that he would consider giving up his American citizenship. MITCHELL said he never wanted to be a Communist or a member of the Communist Party of the USA and said he now regrets this foolish move he had made and that he has since matured.

He received a reply to his letter which suggested to him that he apply for the student exchange program and they furnished the name of a professor at the University of Indiana who was the Administrator of the exchange program as the person to contact.

MITCHELL said he never followed up on this suggestion and did not acknowledge the letter, and as far as he was concerned it was the end of it.

In addition, MITCHELL said his friends have referred to him as a "left winger."

The following description of MITCHELL was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	21
Born	September 7, 1942 New York City
Height	5'5"
Weight	215
Build	Medium

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Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark with acne
Occupation	Currently unemployed but is a free-lance writer
Education	Attended LSU, New Orleans New Orleans, Louisiana
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